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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

1. A Central Operations Staff is set up to organize and supervise the measures necessary to ensure unhampered production, fulfillment of the plan, and development of a new work style. The Chairman of the State Planning Commission (SPK) is responsible. The Central Operations Staff includes the Finance Minister, the Chairman of the Central Commission for State Control, the Chief of the Office of the Presidium of the Council of Ministers, the Deputy for Local Affairs of the Minister of the Interior, one member of the SPK and members of the Central Committee of the SED. Together with the classification office of the Finance Ministry, the Staff is the responsible approving authority for the detailed personnel plan.

2. An Operations Group will be formed in each industrial ministry under a qualified official. The latter will be also be a member of the above staff and will be invited to meetings of the Staff dealing with matters of his field. The Operations Groups will continue throughout 1958. They will ensure unhampered continuance of production in their branch, transfer the proper material to the SPK, the VVB's, or the Economic Councils on schedule in orderly fashion, and will be responsible together with the respective section of the SPK for establishing the necessary VVB's.

3. In the other ministries where changes are planned, Operations Groups will be formed to supervise changes in work style, implementation of new structure, and transfer of competencies to the local authorities.

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4. The Bezirk Councils and the Kreis Councils are responsible for setting up the Economic Councils and strengthening the Kreis Planning Commissions, for uninterrupted flow of production, and for working out the personnel plans for the Economic Councils and Planning Commissions on the basis of directives from the Central Operations Staff in accordance with the principle of strictest economy, and for supporting the VVB's by furnishing them with buildings and procuring dwellings for their workers.

5. A Personnel Commission is to be established in the Central Operations Staff to supervise the assignment of personnel in the SPK, in the VVB's and in the material supply organizations and also for the assignment of personnel to the local bodies (Economic Councils and Planning Commissions). The Chairman of the State Planning Commission is responsible assisted by Secretary Sandig.

6. Section IV assigns the following tasks to the Central Commission for State Control (ZKSK):

a. To guarantee space for the VVB's. In principle the VVB's are to set up office in one of the factories to be controlled by them. No dwelling space is to be used for this purpose.

b. Immediately to undertake measures to provide housing for the employees of the VVB's.

c. Supervise and check on prompt and orderly transfer of papers, allotments, capital, and other papers and materials from the ministries to the State Planning Commission, the VVB's, or the local organs or to the archives. The ZKSK is to set the dates for such action. The heads of the Operations Groups in the ministries and the chairmen of local councils are required to submit their plans for reorganization to the Chairman of the ZKSK or the Bezirk State Control Chief respectively for approval. Representatives of the ZKSK participate in the meetings of the Operations Groups in the ministries.

7. In localities where VVB's are to be established additional dwellings must be built. The economic plan for 1959 will take this into consideration.

8. The pay scale for employees of the VVB's must correspond to the scale for similar work in the VEB's or the Bezirk Councils. 25X1

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